

Minutes
Nevada State Emergency Response Commission
Funding Committee Meeting
Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation
NV State Employment, Training & Rehabilitation Bldg.
1325 Corporate Blvd.
Reno, Nevada
July 13, 2006

Members Present

Richard Brenner, Chair
Larry Farr
Stacey Giomi
John Helmreich

Members Not Present

Susan Crowley

Staff

Karen Kennard
Bruce Ferrel
Suzanne Adam
Glade Myler

Guests

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| Miki Allard | Jim O'Brien |
| Steve Cochrane | Jeff Page |
| Joe Curtis | Jim Reagan |
| Brent Jones | Doug Webb |
| Sara Jones | April Woodard |
| Cathy Ludwig | |

I. Call to Order

Richard Brenner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves as shown above.

III. Old Business

Larry Farr made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2006 meeting. Stacey Giomi seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion/Review of submission of grant justifications and additional information/Recommendation of fiscal year 2007 United We Stand (UWS) grant applications

Karen Kennard stated the Funding Committee had found that many of the applications received did not have justification as to how they would be supporting preparedness to combat terrorism. The Committee asked for additional justification, making recommendations to approve the awards pending contingency of their justification.

Ms. Kennard advised the total amount of funding was \$558,000. The recommendations by the Committee were for \$523,228.

Carson City LEPC – Carson City LEPC submitted the required justification. No action was taken.

Churchill County LEPC – Churchill County LEPC did not submit the proper requested items to SERC staff. A discussion ensued about the justification and compliance. The Committee decided to move forward with the review. Mr. Giomi made a motion to recommend to SERC not to fund Churchill County LEPC based on noncompliance. Mr. Farr seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Douglas County LEPC – Douglas County LEPC's justification was not received by SERC staff. Harry Raub of the Douglas County LEPC addressed the Committee. A discussion ensued. Mr. Giomi made a motion to recommend to SERC not to fund Douglas County LEPC based on noncompliance. Mr. Farr seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Clark County LEPC – SERC staff received notice Clark County LEPC's meeting minutes were being completed. As of this meeting, SERC staff have not received the minutes. No action was taken.

Elko County LEPC – Elko County LEPC did not have any contingencies. No action was taken.

Esmeralda County LEPC – Esmeralda County LEPC amended their application as recommended by the Funding Committee. Esmeralda resubmitted their grant application for the full \$30,000. Mr. Farr made a motion to recommend to SERC approval of Esmeralda County's grant application at the requested amount of \$30,000. Mr. Helmreich seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Humboldt County LEPC – At the previous Funding Committee meeting, it was recommended the Humboldt County LEPC's grant request be reduced because of the Level A response suits requested. Steve Cochrane, Vice-Chair of the Humboldt County LEPC, addressed the Committee on the issue of the purchase of Level A suits. A discussion ensued. The Committee decided to discuss this at the SERC Quarterly meeting. No action was taken.

Lincoln County LEPC – Lincoln County LEPC met their contingencies. No action was taken.

Lyon County LEPC – Lyon County LEPC had no contingencies. No action was taken.

Mineral County LEPC – Mineral County LEPC had no contingencies. No action was taken.

Nye County LEPC – Brent Jones, Chair of the Nye County LEPC, addressed the Committee. The new revised hazmat emergency response plan will be in place after August 21. A discussion ensued. The Committee decided to discuss this at the SERC Quarterly meeting. No action was taken.

Storey County LEPC – All contingencies were met. No action was taken.

Washoe County LEPC – All contingencies were met. No action was taken.

White Pine County LEPC – All contingencies were met with the exception of the Affidavit of Publication, which the SERC office should be receiving. No action was taken.

State Agencies –

Welfare Division – All contingencies were met. No action was taken.

State Library and Archives – All contingencies were met. Sara Jones, representative from the State Library and Archives, addressed the Committee. No action was taken.

Department of Conservation, Division of State Parks and Division of Forestry – The Division of State Parks and the Division of Forestry resubmitted a joint grant application, with each division requesting \$15,000. No action was taken.

UNLV – All contingencies were met. UNLV will take the lowest quote saving them \$898.00. Because of the savings, UNLV is requesting additional equipment which would increase the initial request by \$107.00.

Mr. Helmreich made a motion to recommend to SERC to approve UNLV's grant application at the adjusted amount of \$29,902. There was no second to Mr. Helmreich's action. The motion died. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Department of Business and Industry, Transportation Services Authority and the Taxicab Authority – The Funding Committee had previously denied the Transportation Services Authority's grant application. April Woodard, representative of Transportation Services Authority, addressed the Committee. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

The Taxicab Authority's grant application had no contingencies. No action was taken.

B. *Discussion/Recommendation regarding FY07 SERC grants awarded to Pershing and Nye LEPCs. Pershing and Nye LEPCs remain out of compliance as they did not meet the contingency by submitting updated hazardous materials emergency response plans within 45 days (April 17) of notification

Mr. Brenner stated the Committee had already heard from the Nye County LEPC.

Karen Kennard stated Pershing County LEPC was given 45 days to submit an updated response plan. Their response plan was received in the SERC office a week after their due date. The Pershing County Commission invited Ms. Kennard to attend a Commission meeting and advise of the status of their grant. Ms. Kennard advised Pershing County LEPC was out of compliance. The Pershing County Commission sent a letter to the SERC stating they were going to support the LEPC. Richard Wagner, Chair of the Pershing County LEPC, addressed the Committee. Glade Myler, Senior Deputy A.G., recused himself from giving a legal opinion on Pershing County LEPC due to his friendship with Mr. Wagner. Mr. Wagner spoke to the Committee asking for leniency.

A discussion ensued. Mr. Jones of Nye County LEPC reiterated his statement with regard to Nye County LEPC being compliant. Mr. Myler stated he could now provide the legal standard since the Nye County LEPC Chair has addressed the Committee. Mr. Myler advised, on an appeal such as this, the Committee will need to determine if the inability to comply was due to conditions beyond the LEPC's control. The Funding Committee could then

have a reason to excuse the lateness.

Mr. Giomi recommended the full Commission make that decision. No action was taken.

Items B, C and D

Mr. Farr made a motion to move the remainder of Item B, and Items C and D to the SERC meeting for their consideration, with no action taken by the Funding Committee.

Mr. Giomi seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

James O'Brien voiced his discontentment with the UWS grant stating there are no policies regarding the UWS grant process.

In addition, Mr. O'Brien pointed out the criteria for administrative compliance is different for LEPCs than it is for state agencies; and the grant application did not conform to the State enhancement plan for terrorism response.

Mr. O'Brien suggested the Commission revisit the UWS grant process.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Farr made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.